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**NOISE-PROTECTING ARRANGEMENT FOR EAR PROTECTOR**

the specification of which (check one):

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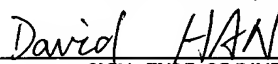
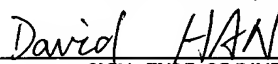
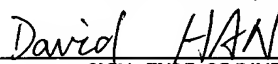
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